

13 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to provide you with an update on COVID-19.

You may be aware that as a country we have moved to phase 2 in dealing with the COVID 19 virus, from 'contain' to 'delay'. At this point, advice to schools remains the same, but this may change in the coming days.

To date, there have been no confirmed cases of coronavirus in any of REACH2's 59 open academies, and we continue to follow the latest guidance and advice from the Government through Public Health England and the Department for Education.

The current advice is that schools should continue to remain open, but that may change over the coming period. We recognise that if things do change, this may mean you may have to make alternative work or childcare arrangements, and so we will give you as much notice as possible, should the Government advice change. Meanwhile the staff in schools are preparing materials for your children to do at home, should we be asked to close the schools.

In line with recent Government advice, all residential trips abroad are being cancelled with immediate effect and we are risk assessing all trips in this country on a case by case basis. Your child/ren's Headteacher will confirm the decision about any trips/residentials.

Our schools are continuing to provide sensible hygiene precautions and we are encouraging this to continue at home. Please see attached guidance from Public Health England on the matter.

REACH2 recognise that this is an unsettling time, and that you will have concerns. The safety and wellbeing of your children will always be our number one priority and we will continue to follow all official advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education. We will also keep you updated through your academy's normal communication methods, including your school's website.

As ever, if you have any questions, please do get in touch through the school office in the usual way or via [info@reach2.org](mailto:info@reach2.org).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Lancashire".

Sir Steve Lancashire  
Chief Executive Office, REACH2 Academy Trust